and the advances which reveal sticky tendencies are brought to the notice of the banks for remedial measures.

Decline in exports to industrialised countries

958. SHRI ATAL BEHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'Export Intensity of Indian exports to industrialised countries declined during 1985-88 in comparison to the market penetration of Indian goods to these markets during 1982-85 as reported in the Hindustan Times of 16th April, 1990;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) what follow up action Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) to (c) According to study conducted by FICCI, export intensity of Indian exports to industrialised countries declined between 1985-88 in comparison to the market penetration of Indian goods to these markets during 1982-85. This does not appear to be correct. The share of India's exports in total imports of Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) countries increased from 0.33 per cent during the period 1982-85 to 0.36 per cent during the period 1985-88.

Setting up of joint projects in United States and Jordan by MMTC

959. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any plans have been formulated by the Minerals and Metals Trading Corporation for setting up joint projects for manufacturing D.A.P. and phosphoric acid in United States and Jordan; and

(b) if so, the main outlines thereof and action being taken in this connection?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN): (a) and (b) Preliminary proposals have been received for setting up of joint ventures in the United States|Jordan for manufacture of Phosphoric Acid DAP so as to ensure stable sources of supply in respect of these items at competitive prices. No concrete proposals have emerged.

Duty and Tax reliefs for horticulture based food processing industries

960. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of excise duty, customs duty income tax reliefs and concessional finance being offered to horticulture based food processing industries that has been declared a thrust area;

(b) what is the interest rate that financial institutions charge from the food processing industry and whether Government would consider charging concessional rate of interest;

(c) whether NABARD would be considered the appropriate agency instead of ICICI, IDBI, IFCI, etc. to provide concessional finance to the food processing units based on fruits and vegetables;

(d) whether there is annual wastage of fruits and vegetables valuing to the tune of Rs. 3000—4000 crores per annum;

(e) whether any specific fiscal steps are being taken to encourage internal consumption of products made from fruits and vegetables; and